

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A tool for deploying an expandable structure into interior body regions, the tool comprising:

a catheter body defining an interior lumen,
an expandable structure having a distal end and carried by the catheter body, and
a stylet having a proximal end and being sized and configured for passage through the lumen and adapted to straighten the expandable structure during deployment into an interior body region, **the stylet being selectively insertable into and withdrawable from the interior of the expandable structure via the lumen.**

2. (Original) A tool as in claim 1
wherein the stylet is substantially rigid.

3. (Original) A tool as in claim 1
wherein the stylet is made of stainless steel.

4. (Original) A tool as in claim 1
wherein, after passage of the stylet through the lumen, the proximal end of the stylet is coupleable to the catheter body.

5. (Original) A tool as in claim 1
wherein, after passage of the stylet through the lumen, the stylet abuts against the distal end of the expandable structure.

6. (New) A tool as in claim 1
wherein the catheter body has an open distal end configured to prevent movement of the
stylet therethrough.